

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 28 and 29 are requested to be withdrawn.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 27, 2007, Applicant hereby elects Species I: Figs. 1-3.

The Examiner indicated that claims 1-34 are pending the application. Applicant filed a preliminary amendment adding claims 35-50 on December 16, 2005 which was entered. Accordingly claims 1-50 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-27 and claims 30-50 are readable on Species I.

Claims 28 and 29 which are readable only on Species II are hereby withdrawn.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-50 are still pending in this application.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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